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(b) whether the attention of the hon. the Minister was drawn to this matter during his visit to Malabar and whether the hon. the Minister promised to look into the question ;

(c) whether the hon. the Minister has looked into the question and whether he has taken any action in pursuance thereof and if not, why not; and

(d) whether any cases have been brought to the notice of Government in which the local boards draw the grant given by the Government for this special purpose in advance and divert it for other purposes ?

A.—(a) Individual cases of delay in the disbursement of salaries have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) & (c) Yes. The Government think after that some of the taluk boards did pay their teachers whose pay was in arrear.

(d) No.

Construction of a bridge over the Khan Sahib Canal.

* 1757 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how long the bridge over the Khan Sahib Canal near Kumaratchi has been under construction and when the same will be ready for traffic ;

(b) whether it is a fact that even before the said bridge is completed and opened for traffic, serious cracks have come into existence and that on that account the opening of the bridge is delayed ;

(c) who are the engineers and contractors who designed and built the bridge and what is the amount sanctioned and spent therefor ; and

(d) whether the Government have investigated or propose to investigate into the matter of the defects in the construction of the bridge and what action the Government propose to take against the contractors or other parties concerned, and to remedy the defects ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) They have called for a report from the President, District Board, South Arcot.

Issue of memorandum to the Ellore Taluk Board regarding certain adjustment of accounts.

* 1758 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued a memorandum directing the Ellore Taluk Board in the West Godavari district to adjust the amount that was alleged to have been wrongly credited during the faslis 1332 to 1334 ;

(b) if so, what is the amount ;

(c) whether the Government have received objections from the Taluk Board, Ellore, in this connexion ;

(d) whether the Government will lay the correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Taluk Board, Ellore, on the Council table ; and

(e) whether the Government will cause an inquiry to be made in order to know why this matter was delayed so long ?